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SUBJECT: CERP 008 - UNDP: EVALUATION OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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A. ROLE OF UNDP IN UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IS AN EFFECTIVE LEADER OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN COSTA RICA. HE IS FULLY INFORMED OF THE FUNCTIONS OF UNDP AND OTHER UN SYSTEM PROJECTS, WHICH REPRESENT THE LARGEST SOURCE OF EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COSTA RICA. HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH HOST GOMPRNMENT AND UN HEADQUARTERS APPEAR GOOD. WE BELIEVE SPECIALIZED AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE PART OF UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S STAFF UNDER HIS GENERAL SUPERVISION.

B. COORDINATION OF ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IDB, OAS, UNDP AND USAID PRINCIPAL OFFICERS MAINTAIN SYSTEMATIC INFORMAL COORDINATION CONSISTING IN MONTHLY MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE AND REGULAR CONSULTATION BY TELEPHONE. THERE IS NO RESIDENT IBRD REPRESENTATIVE IN COSTA RICA. GOCR WELCOMES SUCH COORDINATION.

C. FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS

(1) FOR ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES DURING THIS FINAL YEAR

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OF THE FIRST UNDP PROGRAMMING CYCLE, LOCAL UNDP HAS

MADE A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION ON PRESENT YEAR PROGRAMS RETAINING ONLY PROJECT CHIEFS FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AND FOREGOING INITIATION OF NEW PROGRAMS. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE CONSIDERS THAT THESE CUTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET ESTABLISHED PROGRAM GOALS.

(2) CONCERNING POSSIBLE IMPACT IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE SECOND 5-YEAR CYCLE 1977-81: UNDP REPRESENTATIVE ESTIMATES FUNDING LEVEL FOR PERIOD 77-81 WILL BE 25 PERCENT LOWER THAN REQUESTED THUS PERMITTING ONLY THE CONTINUATION OF ON-GOING ACTIVITIES.

(3) ON THE NEW UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM:
NEW COSTA RICA COUNTRY PROGRAM, DONE LAST YEAR, IS PRESENTLY BEING REVISED DUE TO A 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN PROJECT COSTS. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT ANNUAL FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS AND THE LACK OF CERTAINTY THAT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EFFECT DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MULTI-YEAR COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE.

D. COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

UNDP REPRESENTATIVE FEELS INFORMAL AND PERMANENT CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN VALID TA NEEDS SHOULD BE BASIS FOR PREPARING COUNTRY PROGRAM. A REVIEW OF THE EXERCISE IS HELD WITH HOST GOVERNMENT. COUNTRY PROGRAM CONTENT IS ANALYZED TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH OTHER DONORS.

3. PROJECT EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

IDEALLY, THE PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTION OF UNDP TA IS THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, THIS PURPOSE IS OFTEN VITIATED AS UNDP TECHNICIANS ARE USED AS REGULAR STAFF MEMBERS IN HOST GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND BECOME INVOLVED IN THE POLITICS OF DECISION MAKING. THEIR ROLE AS ADVISORS IS LESS EFFECTIVE AND THEIR ABILITY TO TRANSFER KNOWLEDGE AND TRAIN COUNTERPARTS IS REDUCED. UNDP TRIPARTITE PROJECT REVIEW SYSTEM IS CONSIDERED VERY USEFUL EXERCISE IN WHICH THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, BY PLAYING THE ROLE OF DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, CAN BRING ABOUT A PROCESS OF IN-DEPTH
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PROJECT ANALYSIS. AMONG THE MOST SUCCESSFUL UNDP PROJECTS IN COSTA RICA ARE ASSISTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA SCHOOL OF GEOLOGY, TA IN HYDROMETEOROLOGY, PILOT PROJECTS FOR AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION IN TURRIALBA AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE. A NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WAS THE FIVE-YEAR EFFORT OF TA IN EDUCATIONAL PLANNING WHOSE RESULTS WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED DUE TO OPPOSITION

FROM TEACHERS. THE RECENT FINANCIAL STRICTURES
HAVE CAUSED THE GOCR TO MAKE DECISIONS ON REDUCING
OR ELIMINATING SOME ACTIVITIES THAT IT CONSIDERS LK
BE OF LOWER PRIORITY.

F. APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS
THE USAID MISSION MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH UNDP AND
PROVIDES COMMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE, ON PROPOSED PROJECTS.

G. WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
THERE ARE NO UNDP PROGRAMS IN COSTA RICA DESIGNED
ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS. THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
INDICATED THAT THE GOCR HAS NEVER PRESENTED ANY REQUESTS
FOR SUCH PROJECTS. A WOMEN'S IMPACT STATEMENT IS NOT
INCLUDED IN UNDP PROJECT DOCUMENTATION.
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